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| Status | |
| 1)🛛 | Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 January 2011. |
| 2a) | This action is FINAL . 2b) ☑ This action is non-final. |
| 3) | An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on |
| | ; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action. |
| 4) | Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is |
| | closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. |
| Disposit | ion of Claims |
| 5)🛛 | Claim(s) 16-18.20-26.28-34.36 and 44-46 is/are pending in the application. |
| | 5a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. |
| 6) | Claim(s) is/are allowed. |
| 7) 🛛 | Claim(s) 16-18,20-26,28-34,36 and 44-46 is/are rejected. |
| 8) | Claim(s) is/are objected to. |
| 9) | Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. |
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Application Papers

10) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

| 3) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). | | | | |
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| a) 🔲 All | b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of: | | | |
| 1. | Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. | | | |
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| 3.□ | Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage | | | |
| | application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). | | | |
| * See the | e attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. | | | |
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Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

| 4) [| Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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| 54. | Notice of Informal Patent Applic |